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LETTER DATED 14 APRIL 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 0230 hours on 16 March 1993 an armed force composed of numbers of infiltrators and insinuated into Iraqi territory by the Iranian side carried out an armed assault on Iraqi positions from three directions with medium machine-guns, 60-millimetre mortars and light rocket launchers. The strength of the force of Iranian infiltrators and saboteurs was estimated at between 50 and 60 men. After Iraqi units had repulsed the Iranian attack, the area was searched and the bodies of eight of the saboteurs were found, one of them with Iranian identity papers in the Persian language issued by the Iranian IX Army Corps. This fresh act of aggression once again demonstrates the persistence of the Iranian regime in implementing its hostile plan aimed at constant interference in the internal affairs of Iraq. This is to be regarded as renewed aggression against Iraq and a flagrant violation of the terms of the cease-fire under Security Council resolution 598 (1987).

The Government of the Republic of Iraq condemns this act of aggression, holds Iran fully responsible for its consequences and calls upon the Secretary-General to assume his responsibilities in order to prevent the Iranian side from any future repetition of such acts as are incompatible with the norms of international law.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative